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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CU

SUBJECT: HIJACKED PLANE POSSIBLY ON WAY TO CUBA

- 1. UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 696 FROM OAKLAND TO SEATTLE WAS HIJACKED THIS AFTERNOON BY SINGLE GUNMAN. ALL PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED BUT HIJACKER KEPT CREW ABOARD AND SAYS HE WANTS THEM TO FLY HIM TO CUBA. FLIGHT NOW EN ROUTE TO DENVER WHERE IT WILL REFUEL AND PROCEED ON TO MEMPHIS. HOPEFULLY, HIJACKER CAN BE DISSUADED AT ONE OR ANOTHER STOP. IF NOT, PLANE MAY BE HEADING TO HAVANA THIS EVENING FROM MEMPHIS.
- 2. DO NOT INFORM CUBANS YET. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL CABLE INSTRUCTIONS IF IT APPEARS PLANE WILL INDEED BE LANDING IN CUBA.

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